

# Two Builders

## Mt.7:24-27

- a. A disaster waiting to happen
- b. Two houses – look alike...but very different
- c. “Therefore” – connects with 7:21-23
  - One who listens to and does Father’s will can enter the kingdom
  - Figure: building a house. Is our *house* safe?

# I. Things The Builders Had In Common

1. Both came to hear Jesus, 24, 26

Not all came with good attitude... (Mt.23)

- a. Commendable: sacrificed time /effort to hear Him... Mt.13:15-17
- b. “If the man went to hear Jesus, he is probably saved...” ? ?
- c. Judas followed Him three years...

1. Both came to hear Jesus, 24, 26

a. Hearing is necessary – Ro.10:17

b. Ja.1:25

c. Jn.12:42-43; Ja.2:19

d. Mt.13:19-22...

- First three soils could hear same message as good soil
- Only two results: 3 groups lost, 1 saved

## 2. Both were builders, 24, 26

- a. Both saw need for house . . . / . . . religion
- b. 2 K.17:33...41
- c. Building is hard work
  - Some resolve to build, but procrastinate, Ac.24
  - Some run out of funds, Lk.14:29-30

### 3. Both built a house, 24, 26

Similar in outward appearance; same materials?

- a. Most religions of men teach some truth...
- b. Mt.16:18 ...
- c. Ac.20:28
- d. Henry VIII – AD 1534
- e. Professed Christians may look alike. 1Jn.2:3-4
  - If we work hard, but do not do will of Lord, we build on sand

#### 4. Both had a sense of security, 24, 26

a. One was based on false faith and faulty foundation

- Mt.7:21-23 –

- Foolish man *felt* secure ... but earth is not heaven

- Did foolish man's *feelings* of security protect his house in storm?

b. Both houses appeared safe in fair weather...

5. Both experienced same trials, 25

- a. Both were tested by same measurement:  
**storm** ... severe rains / winds
- b. We will be tested. 2 Co.5:10

I. Things The Builders Had In Common

II. A Contrast Between The Builders

## 1. Difference in character

- a. Wise people consider value of soul: Mt.16:26
- b. Contrast – Prov.12:15
- c. “The opposite of wisdom is folly, meaning the short-term self-indulgence which marks out the person who doesn’t think about long-term priorities and goals but lives on a day-to-day basis, asking, ‘What is the most fun thing to do now?’” – Packer

## Frequent Questions / Assertions

- What sense is there in being dipped in water?
- What difference does it make which church one goes to.
- ‘Doctrine doesn’t matter.’
- Do we need Jesus or will other teachers do?

## 2. Difference in practice: profession vs obedience

a. Wise: faith and works. Lk.6:46

- Mt.8:5-9 – real hearing obeys

b. Foolish: obeyed in part, Ja.2:10

### 3. Difference in foundations [rock vs sand]

a. Rock: obedient faith in Christ. 1 Co.3:11

- Foundation is obedience: heeding 'these words of Mine' (2 x)
- Cornerstone: Is.28:16
- Lk.6:48
- 1 Pt.2:8

b. Sand: human reason, etc.

- Who would build his house on sand?

I. God Does Not Change

II. Truth Does Not Change

III. The Results

# 1. Wise man's house withstood the storm

## a. Storm proof religion – the only kind to have

- The wise man built his house on a firm foundation [wise, safe, expensive, exhaustive] – Lk.6:48
- His sincerity does not prevent testing from above, beneath, on all sides –
  - Rain on roof
  - River on foundation
  - Wind on walls

If chief support is immovable,  
the structure can survive

## 2. Foolish man's house stood in calm weather

- Many religions are fine in pretty weather, but not in a storm
- Many religions are fine in life, but NOT in death
- Flash flood ... no more house
  - a. Same tests come to the foolish, but the result is very different: 'it fell'
  - b. Solemn words. Its chief weakness was underground – the foundation
  - c. 'He built his house on the sand' – his fundamentals were wrong

28-29: crowd had to learn to take Jesus seriously

1. Everyone is a builder – to live is to build

a. Mt.23:29

b. Some go through life with wrong concerns

2. Two kinds of builders – wise and foolish

a. Mt.21:42

b. Judas, Pilate, Centurion complimented  
Jesus . . .

c. Hb.6:4-6

3. Wise builds his house (life) on Christ, the solid Rock. Foolish man builds on sand (Lk.6:48)
  - a. 1 Co.3:10-13
  - b. Ep.2:20
  - c. Hb.11:10

'A wise man learns by the experience of others. An ordinary man learns by his own experience. A fool learns by nobody's experience.'